(c) whether Government proposes to set up more courts in the present plan period and to ensure that backlog of court cases are cleared; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Government and the Judiciary at the highest level have been interacting for reducing of the arrears of cases in the courts. Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored plan scheme for development of infrastructure facilities for judiciary. Another Central Scheme for computerisation of subordinate courts in the country is also under implementation. Government has continued Fast Track Courts to reduce arrears at Sessions Courts level.

Further, with a view to providing speedy, affordable and substantive justice to the poor at the grass root level and also with a view to reducing the existing pendency of cases in the courts, Government proposes to establish more than 5000 Gram Nyayalayas during the current Plan period and has accordingly introduced the 'Gram Nyayalayas Bill' in the Parliament.

Delimitation of constituencies

†377. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the date of constitution of the present Delimitation Commission alongwith the dates when its appointments were made;

(b) the tenure of the Commission and whether it has completed its assignment within the said tenure;

(c) the names of the States where delimitation work has been completed alongwith those where it could not be completed so far;

(d) by when the delimitation work would be completed in those States; and

(e) whether the ensuing elections to the Parliament and State Assemblies would be conducted in accordance with the new delimitation or the old delimitation would continue to be in force?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Delimitation Commission was constituted in terms of section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002) *vide* notification dated the 12th July, 2002.

(b) to (d) The Delimitation Commission was constituted with effect from the 12th July, 2002, initially for a period of two years. The tenure of the Commission has since been extended. The present term of the Commissions is upto the 31st July, 2008. The Delimitation Commission has so far issued final Orders in respect of 25 States/Union territories. In pursuance of section 10A of the Delimitation Act, 2002, the delimitation exercise in respect of the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland have been deferred *vide* four Orders dated 8th February, 2008. Further, section 10B of the said Act nullified the Delimitation Commission's Orders issued with respect to the State of Jharkhand. Thus, the delimitation exercise in respect of all the States except the State of Jammu and Kashmir has been completed.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) In pursuance of the second proviso to article 82 and the second proviso to clause (3) of article 170 of the Constitution, the Presidential Order has been issued on the 19th February, 2008 making delimitation Orders effective from immediate effect in all the 22 States/Union territories except in the States of Tripura and Meghalaya where the delimitation Order shall take effect on the 20th March, 2008 after the election to the Legislative Assemblies in these States are over on 19-3-2008. Thus, every election to the House of People and Legislative Assembly from all the States/Union territories shall be held on the basis of new delimitation except in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Jharkhand where the existing delimitation Orders will apply.

Photos in original copy of the constitution

†378. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the original copy of the Constitution contained some pictures;

(b) if so, their whereabouts;

(c) whether they are the ones that adorn the walls of the Parliament House;

(d) whether those pictures pertained to great historical figures of India;

(e) whether their compilation in the form of an album for common access is under consideration; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in judiciary

†379. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that complaints are being received about corruption prevailing in the judiciary;

(b) if so, whether Government has formulated any scheme to root out corruption in the judicary; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006, which *inter-alia* provided for setting up of a National Judicial Council to probe into the allegations of misbehaviour against the Judges, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel. Public Grievances, Law and Justice which has since given its Report. The Report of the Standing Committee is being examined.

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